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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 8, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES P. MCGOVERN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties. All time shall be equally allocated between the parties, and in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

CELEBRATING 100TH BIRTHDAY OF HELEN BARBARA LIVINGSTON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. MITCHELL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Helen Barbara Livingston, who lives in Macomb County.

A person experiences a great deal in 100 years of life. In 1919, when she was born, Prohibition went into effect, the pop-up toaster was invented, unemployment was 1.4 percent—if you can believe that—and the Grand Canyon

became a national park. Helen experienced the Great Depression.

She has seen over 40 percent of the history of this Nation. She has experienced 18 U.S. Presidents, from Woodrow Wilson, when she was born in 1919, to President Trump. Suffice it to say, she has seen a great deal of change in national and local politics in her life.

She was born in Niagara, New York, and came to Michigan at age 6 when her dad got a job, amazingly enough, in the auto industry at a Dodge plant in Hamtramck, Michigan—the reason so many people move to Michigan to build cars and trucks for America.

Helen attended Hamtramck High School and was an incredible athlete. She was captain of the field hockey team and played tennis, where she never lost a match in 4 years.

During Helen's senior year in high school, Eleanor Roosevelt visited her school to promote women in sports, and Helen presented her with a bouquet of roses. A short time later, she received a handwritten letter from the First Lady.

She met her husband working at Parke-Davis labs, and for their first date, they drove 5 hours to Hartwick Pines. Now, there is an effort. That was the start of a 59-year marriage.

After being a stay-at-home mom for 12 years, when her kids were a little older, Helen started working at Macomb County Youth Home for juvenile delinquents. She worked there until she retired.

Helen has been an avid golfer. She has two holes-in-one, most recently, when she was 80 years old. There are many golfers, including many golfers in this Chamber, who are envious of that achievement.

Even as she got older, Helen continued to seek out fun. A few years ago, she was in a grocery store and ended up starring in a national Mike's Hard Lemonade commercial. To be honest, she didn't realize what Mike's Hard Lemonade was.

I join her family, friends, and the entire community in celebrating an incredible 100 years of life and wish her many more.

REAL-LIFE STORIES OF MY CONSTITUENTS AFFECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. COURTNEY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, a really sad milestone of, really, failure on day 18 of a partial government shutdown that is affecting 25 percent of the Federal Government.

I am rising today to share some of the real-life stories of some of my constituents in eastern Connecticut who are affected by this shutdown, which, again, today, we are now officially 1 day past the length of the 2013 shutdown of 17 days. On Sunday, if this is not fixed and ended, it will actually be the longest shutdown in American history, surpassing the 1994 shutdown.

Mr. Speaker, today, I got a letter from James of Waterford, Connecticut:

I am a State Department employee assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. I have been a DOS employee since 2003.

I live and work every day in a dangerous environment in support of U.S. foreign policy. In Herat, Afghanistan, in 2013, I was shot at and blown up in an attack by the Taliban on the U.S. Consulate. In Belgrade, Serbia, in 2008, I was trapped in the burning U.S. Embassy during protests against Kosovo independence while I protected and destroyed classified information.

I support our government's policies in difficult environments, and I expect my government to meet their commitment to me and my family.

Jeremy of Colchester, Connecticut, who works for the Coast Guard:

Please work to pass a bill to fund the government, including employees' salaries of the Coast Guard, which are, again, part of the Department of Homeland Security. My

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